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electrostatic microactuator; and

at least one metallic structure disposed on said substrate adjacent said microactuator and on substantially the same plane, wherein said microactuator is adapted to operably contact said at least one metallic structure in response to actuation thereof.

Please cancel Claim 36 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claim.

45. (New) A microelectromechanical device according to Claim 35 wherein the microactuator is thermally activated by at least one of external or internal heating thereof.